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GREETINGS

What greater gift has been bestowed upon mankind than the capacity to receive anew the blessed spirit of this joyous season. In turn, the most precious gift we can extend our brothers is the bright example of Christian living enjoyed by those who cherish the spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the year.

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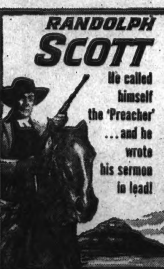


Tuesday - Wednesday
DECEMBER 24th and 25th



BOB HOPE - VERA MILES
PAUL DOUGLAS
ALEXIS SMITH - GARDEN MAGNIN
GEORGE BAKER - WALTER CATTELL
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DECEMBER 26th and 27th



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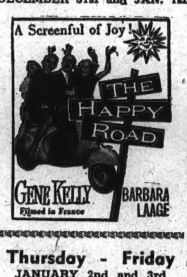
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Cartoon Carnival - Santa - Treats

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DECEMBER 28th and 30th



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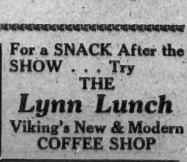
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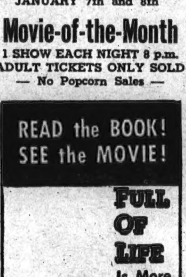
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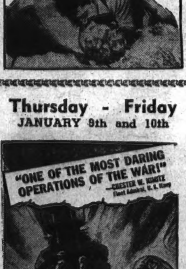
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Thursday - Friday
JANUARY 9th and 10th



Thursday - Friday
DECEMBER 26th and 27th



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Regular Meeting Village Council.

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Village of Irma, province of Alberta, held in the Village office on the 2nd day of December, 1957, at 8 p.m.

Full Council present, C. P. Jones, G. Hurst and V. S. Sampson, A. C. Charter, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mayor Jones presiding.

Minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of the Council and the Joint Meeting of the Arena Committee and the Council were read and on motion of Mayor Jones were passed as written.

Correspondence dealt with and filed.

C. N. Railway re service installation, sewer and water.

Village of Waskatenau re Fire Equipment.

Canadian Fairbanks-Morse re Returned Items.

Workmen's Compensation Board re coverage of Special Constables.

Alberta Civil Defence re Civil Defence.

Mr. A. D. Glasgow was present regarding the proposed purchase of about 40 acres being part of SE-27-45-9-W4th by the Village for use as a sewage lagoon.

Mr. Glasgow submitted a price of \$1600.00 for an area not exceeding 40 acres for a 99 year lease of legal description of the land required for surface and sewage drainage.

Mayor Jones moved that an offer be made to Mr. Glasgow for an area not exceeding 40 acres at a price of \$1600.00 with clear title to the Village of Irma, and Mr. Glasgow be notified in writing accordingly.

Permission to hold Circus and Exhibition on the Fair Grounds on Saturday, June 21, 1958 by the Trapeze Bro's Circus at a License fee of \$40.00 was confirmed.

Petition was received to reserve the old rink and rink shelters and to provide ice for the smaller children only.

Moved by V. S. Sampson, seconded by C. P. Jones that the petition got be approved. G. Hurst dissenting.

Court of Revision re Voters 228's was held, various deletions and additions made thereto in accordance with charges requiring.

A bylaw was introduced to make a grant to offset certain taxes levied against the Irma Curling Club for the year 1957. Bylaw No. 230 passed first, second and third readings.

Financial Statement—Balance at the end of the previous month \$14697.47. Receipts for the month \$1648.07. Disbursements \$458.76. Net balance at the end of the month \$15856.78. Saving account \$5265.78. Accounts payable \$5486.39.

KIEFER'S SHOWS at IRMA

Friday, Dec. 20 8:40 p.m.
"ATTACK"
Jack Palance, Eddie Albert
Action Family Picture

Friday, Dec. 27th 8:40 p.m.
"SEVEN MEN FROM NOW"
(Randolph Scott)
Technicolor - Family
A Very Merry Christmas To You All.

World-Wide Newspapers Look to Canada

No other Canadian product does so much foreign travel as the rolls of Canadian newspaper paper which furnish half of the world's newspaper pages. The printing presses of Jerusalem and Johannesburg and scores of other overseas communities roll out their editions in a variety of languages and mostly on sheets fabricated in Canadian mills.

Mushrooms Live on Wood Diet

Mushrooms and toadstools seen in the woods are the fruit of fungi produced by rotting wood-bore. The fungi transforms the wood into useful soil. Many fungi are associated with the roots of trees, dissolving mineral products for the tree's nourishment and, in turn, obtaining plant foods supplied by the green leaves of the trees.



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"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they..."

"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, it's true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world..."

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peaceableness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know... that you feel it... the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him... you know..."

God! Surely God. You know it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.

SEASON'S GREETINGS from
The Hillikers and Staffs of
Brock Theatre and The Lynn Lunch



FUNNY OTHERWISE

"What can we do for you?" asked the income tax inspector. "Nothing," said the mild-mannered taxpayer. "I just wanted to meet the people I'm working for."

The clerk, through an error, received a blank cheque. "Just as I thought," he mumbled, "my deductions finally caught up to my salary."

A butcher had sold all his hens except one. When a woman came in and asked for a hen, he went into his refrigerator and brought out this lone fowl.

Butcher: The price is \$1.50. Customer: I really wanted a bigger one.

Thinking fast the butcher went back into the refrigerator, stood there for a moment and then came out with the same one and only chicken. This weighs a pound more, he said, \$2.10.

The woman frowned just a little bit as she took in the hen and then said: "I'll tell you, what—I'll take them both."

Open letter to Saskatchewan Weeklies

September 9, 1957
Now that the Federal election campaign is out of the way, I have devoted some effort to evaluating some of the work which was done in that campaign under my direction as Campaign Manager. Our budget being limited, every step had to be carefully analysed in advance to get the greatest value out of every effort and financial expenditure.

In the matter of publicity, Mr. Ken Cooper, of the Cooper Advertising Agency-Saskatoon, made a careful survey of the value of certain advertising media and, as a result of his analysis, we devoted over 50 percent of our budget to advertising in the Weekly Press in Saskatchewan. The balance of the budget was spread from TV to handbills and posters.

Members of our organization, the candidates, our former leader, Alvin Hamilton and, of course, our new Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker are aware of the support and fair-mindedness of the Weekly Newspaper publishers here. I am particularly pleased with the

Guilty conscience

An elderly drunk knocked unconscious by a car, awoke and thought he was the victim of a police third-degree.

He saw a constable bending over him and quickly confessed he was using an alias, "he said he hadn't committed any crime. 'I would have admitted it anyway,' he said. 'You didn't have to hit me so hard.'"

Police said he suffered only minor injuries in the accident.

Excellent placement given all of our advertising during the campaign.

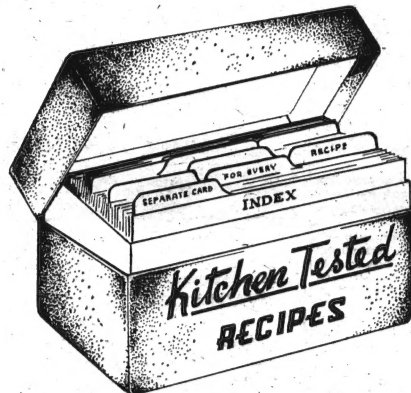
It is difficult to predict at this time what the future holds, except that we do anticipate an early Provincial Convention in which we expect there will be more than usual interest. I expect that again we shall make use of your columns to assist in arousing greater interest in this Party and what it stands for.

Again, thanks kindly for the fairness you displayed towards us during the campaign, and for the excellent position you were able to give our advertising.

Sincerely,

Provincial President.

A. V. Svoboda.



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1/2 c. shortening, melted

Make a well in flour mixture
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Stir just until dry ingredients
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NEIGHBOORLY NEWS

A CBC program aired every Sunday morning

At 10:00 Central Time

PREPARED BY C. F. GREENE

NOVEMBER 10, 1957

Good morning, neighbors.

One answer to the question "where can we find happiness?" is supplied by the Hartney Star, Man., which states in Part: "There is a happiness for the folks living in the smaller centres that the big-town people know nothing about; we meet the kids and ladies of the town who tell us their troubles; they sympathize with us in our worries, and they know as well as we do, that our help is theirs in time of disaster. We meet each other in church, at the lodge meeting, in the bowling alley and on the curling rink; we enjoy their sportsmanship, their companionship, and we know right well that we'd feel depressed if we had to live anywhere else than in a small town on the prairies."

Speaking of neighbors in a small town telling one another their troubles, the Discovery-district reporter for the News of the North, a Yellowknife writer, writes: "What manner of man is this Whispering Bob Scott anyway? Something always happens to him around this time of year. Last October he broke two ear drums listening to the sound of his own voice. The previous autumn he strained his back. Another time he broke a couple of ribs. Bob made a little social call on me the other day, and let go with all his troubles. When he was told to help himself to some nuts, he declined, saying, 'I can't eat them or anything else. I am starting to sprout a complete set of teeth. This is Bob's third set of teeth and they are not coming in as fast as the others. Said Bob, 'I'll be glad when they have all grown in, so I can throw away these factory made choppers.'"

Eating pumpkin is not very difficult with store teeth, but an Alberta neighbor can supply quite a lot of it from one vine. The Castor Advance suggests that Michael O'Hara of the Bulwark district had a vine of pumpkins grown in his garden that will take some beating. He says the vine had grown 28 edible pumpkins, along with two smaller ones. Fifteen of the pumpkins had an average weight of 10 pounds each.

O'Hara said he has never seen or heard of such a bountiful crop of pumpkins found on one vine.

Here's something we have never heard of before. The Hudson Bay Post, Sask., reports that one day recently Bill Onick of the Chelan district kindly stopped to pick up two lady hikers on the road, and then drove off and left his own wife standing on the highway. He never missed her presence in the car until he was informed of the fact by the two lady passengers.

There is no information about Frank's whereabouts—to judge by this news item in the Delisle Advocate, Sask.—whose Vancouver district reporter announces: I have not seen Frank Vermulen in the village for some days, and I have been told that the reason is that his dogs who jumped into the seat of his truck, had just returned from a most skunk hunt.

"Skunks, did you say?" chimed in the Watson Witness, Sask. One of our neighbors, Mr. Herb X of the Englefield district, offered John J. Nordick \$20 to take some skunks out of his basement. Herb is still waiting for John to show up. We think John got lost, heard he ended up in Vancouver.

Skunks—we understand—have a secret weapon—a phrase used by Mrs. Forrest, the Verity district news correspondent for the Woodworth Times, Man., who says: The other day when I defeated my frig, I discovered a couple of inches of scaly sausage in a plastic bag. I gave it to the dog who immediately took it away and buried it. I think he plans on using it for a secret weapon.

In the wild animal world, we are told by the Vulcan Advocate, Alta., that there is a new way of killing coyotes.

While harvesting cattle last week, Billy Cutoff and Bill Bradley came across a coyote and, being on horseback, they chased the coyote. The coyote tried to hide in a deep snowbank but, unfortunately for him, left his tail sticking out and was easily spotted by the hunters. From his horse, Bill Bradley grabbed the coyote by the tail and swung him over his head against the ground, repeating the process until the coyote was knocked out.

Still on the subject of wildlife, the Assiniboia Times, Sask., asks: We wonder if duck hunters this season can beat the record set recently by Ken Halverson of Assiniboia, who went over to the C.P.I. dam the other day to bag a goose.

While approaching the geese that were there, Ken scared up a duck of ducks. He figured the ducks would in turn scare up the geese before he could get to them—so thinking a duck better than a goose, he fired a single shot into the flock and brought down seven of them. By the way Ken brought them all home as proof.

An amusing birthday squib was noted in the Oak Lake News, Man. A game warden approached a man and yelled, "Hey, you in the red coat, don't you know you can't shoot ducks without a license?" "Well, to tell the truth, mister," was the reply, "I knew I wasn't shooting any, but didn't know why."

Here is our weekly list of good neighbors celebrating noteworthy birthday anniversaries. Tomorrow will be the 52nd for Robert, Barrie of Melfort, Sask.—and the 96th for Mrs. Fanny Vint of Oakville, Man. Other recent birthday celebrations were held for Thomas Black of Benito, Man., 91—Captain Perry Fall of Oak Lake, Man., 92—Mrs. David Crowe of Deloraine, Man., 93—and Grandma McCubbin of Glenora, Sask., 97.

And of birthdays—or we should say of births—the High River Times, Alta., states: Last week in reporting the baby show at the Town and Country Fair, this paper expressed sympathy for the doctor who acted as adjudicator. The Times might better have saved that sympathy for itself, because a shocking mistake was made. The little Sharper, Catherine Marie Robertson, first amongst the girls, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson, but the Times reported her as being the daughter of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson. Fortunately all parties concerned seemed amused rather than annoyed. Last spring a somewhat similar error occurred in news from the

country reporting a baptism. The grandparents instead of the parents were credited with the baby, and as a result the grandparents were showered with cards of congratulations, and no doubt with little knitted garments. These cheery messages all came from friends from a distance who read the news in the Times and were naturally astounded.

Well—here are some couples who would get quite a kick out of newspaper errors like those. Recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary were: Mr. and Mrs. James Higham of Oak River, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. John Renwick of Coutter, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. George Swape of Leoville, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. Giles of Carleton Place, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gallant of Oak Lake, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton of Red Deer, Alta.; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sawyer formerly of Deloraine, Man., now living in Santa Monica, Calif.

Congratulations to all you diamond wedding couples—and congratulations to you, Stan and Rose of Stonewall, Man.: we see by the Argus that the other day while playing crib with James Gray, you came up with the crib players' dream—a perfect 29 hand.

That's quite an experience—and, according to the Wilkie Press, Sask., Wib Walby had quite an experience the other day. He was spotting geese in the vicinity of Flat Lake and noticed a large bull standing with his head on the wire of the fence that separated two fields. This did not seem much out of the ordinary to Wib at the time, but he soon perceived something wrong when he returned to the spot the next day and noticed that the bull had not moved from his position at the fence. After a cautious approach, our hunter saw that the ring in the bull's nose had become encircled around one of the fence posts and that it had worked down about a foot from the top, holding the animal fast. Wib ventured to free the poor beast but, retraced when it failed to show any appreciation of his efforts. The owner was notified, however, and Ferdinand is now grazing peacefully again.

Good morning neighbors, and keep smiling.

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School Division Board Meeting

All members present: Reeve A. C. Archibald also present representing M. D. No. 61.

Zajic—That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read. Cd.

Mitchell—That discussion re the formal opening of the New Wainwright School Building be tabled until the January meeting. Cd.

Rattray—That motion No. 7 of the November 1957 minutes be rescinded pertaining to the sale of the Ascot School site. Cd.

Zajic—That the price quoted by Zier's Plumbing for the Edgerton School in the amount of \$596.05 be approved and that Architects P. Campbell-Hope and Associates be notified. Cd.

Hill—That we approve the name plate "The Lolo Mabey School" as submitted by letter received from Bronze Industries Limited of Edmonton with price as quoted. Cd.

Zajic—That Mr. R. B. Hemphill's resignation as teacher of the Battle Valley School and from the staff of the School Division effective November 30th, 1957 be accepted. Cd.

The minutes of a Special meeting held in the Battle Valley School by the ratepayers with Mr. Hall and Mr. Zajic were read and discussed. Same were ordered filed. Cd.

Mitchell—That the action of the Superintendent Mr. L. G. Hall and the trustee Mr. F. Zajic in making arrangements for the conveyance of the pupils from the Battle Valley School district to Edgerton and Chauvin by School bus be approved. Cd.

Minutes of the meeting for the election of a Centralized Board in the Edgerton area were read and discussed. Same were ordered filed. Cd.

Mr. Hall reported on the closing of the Battle Valley School also preparation for the building of two more classrooms to the Chauvin School during 1958.

Mr. J. Worral of Ribstone interviewed the Board and requested a change in the direction of

the present bus route affecting the time of pick-up but no change in mileage. The matter received discussion.

Mitchell—That we adjourn until 1:15 p.m. Cd.

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckett of the Echo district requesting an increase in the length of the Bus Route in the area. No action taken.

Interview re Chauvin School plans for 1958 with Architect B. Wood of P. Campbell-Hope and Associates. Further plans and sketches to be made ready shortly.

Mitchell—That the 1948 Dodge School bus be offered for sale to Mr. J. A. McGaughey at his request for the sum of \$1,200.00 subject to the approval of the Highway Traffic Inspector. Cd.

Allen—That motion No. 9 (d) of the September minutes 1957 be rescinded and that the classrooms in this Division re-open for the Spring Term on Monday, January 6th, 1958. Cd.

Rattray—That motion No. 6 of the November 1957 minutes re sale of the Bloomington Valley School Building be rescinded in accordance with Mr. A. E. Allen's letter of November 28th, and that the said building be re-offered for sale, and further that Mr. Allen be notified by letter. Cd.

Hill—That the two following buildings be offered for sale and that the tenders be considered on Friday, January 10th, 1958.

Bloomington Valley School Building at Wainwright.
White Cloud School Building. Cd.

Allen—That we purchase six new typewriters to replace old machines and the same to be included in the current budget. Cd.

Mitchell—That a thorough discussion of Bus Rules and Regulations be given at the next meeting of the Board on Friday, January 10th. Cd.

Allen—That Mr. Zajic's request for the installation of a telephone in the Teacherage at Giles be concurred in as soon as possible. Cd.

Allen—That we concur in the arrangements made with regard to the janitor set-up in the

C.G.I.T. Vesper Service

The Vesper service, conducted by the C.G.I.T. in the Irma United Church last Sunday evening was well attended and very much enjoyed.

The church was decorated with spruce boughs and lighted by many candles.

As usual the entire service was in the hands of the girls with the exception of the Benediction which was pronounced by the Rev. H. W. Inglis.

Leading the service was Alice Fischer, Pianist Carol Fischer, Scripture readers Linda Daniels, Carole Smallwood, Jean Doring.

The offering was taken by Carolyn Inklin and Eileen Anquist, Meditation, Loraine Pond.

Those taking part in the Pageant of Candles were Sheila Ballentine, Isabel Inglis, Shirley Lovell and Elaine Jack, Arlene Clumstad and Verley Sampson.

This was a very lovely service and the singing by the C.G.I.T. Choir was truly beautiful.

A further donation in memory of Mr. Sharkey to St. Mary's Anglican church has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blanchard.

The January meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. O. Larson, on Friday, January 3 at 2:30 p.m. Hostesses, Mrs. Glasgow and Mrs. Hubman; Raffle, Mrs. Fahner; Program, Mrs. Gunn; Roll Call — dues. Please note change of date for this meeting.

New Year's Eve Frolic

The Kinsella Legion's annual New Year's Eve Frolic will be held in the Kinsella hall on January 31st. Tickets are now on sale for this popular event.

Wainwright Schools effected on Dec. 2nd, 1957 by Trustee Mitchell and the office staff. Cd.

Zajic—That in view of the increased classroom space at the Edgerton School that Mr. G. E. McCaghey's salary be raised to \$35.00 a month beginning November 1st, 1957. Cd.

Rattray—That the next meeting of the Board be held on Friday, January 10th, 1958, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Cd.

Mitchell—That the balance of the November accounts be paid in the amount of \$37,412.14 and that the same be included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Hill—That administrative accounts in the amount of \$164.74 be paid and that the same be included with the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Hill—That this meeting adjourn. Cd.

Kinsella News

The new officers are as follows: Past exalted ruler Bro. H. G. Smith; Exalted ruler Bro. George Rawluk; Leading knight, George Paterson; Lecturing knight, Eric Oakes; Loyal knight M. Orzechowski; Esquire, H. Carter; Secretary, T. A. Oakes; Chaplain, Wm. Meakin; Organist, F. Harding; Trustee, J. Beschell; Treasurer, J. A. Barker; Historian, J. W. Wilkinson; Inner guard, E. Young; Tyler, G. Bridgeman.

Sunday visitors at the Joe Zelinski home were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jeffrey of Ryley, Mrs. Robert Ash of Viking and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Erickson and daughter of Bruce.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Daugherty on the birth of a son at Wainwright hospital.

Linda Wilkinson celebrated her 10th birthday anniversary by entertaining a number of her friends at a birthday party.

Mrs. M. Tesman, who has been holidaying with relatives in Ontario for three weeks, has returned home.

Mrs. A. Loades, Mrs. T. Hopfe, Greg Loades and Mr. P. Mollier were visitors to Camrose last week.

On Thursday evening the 12th, the installation of the new officers of the B.P.O.E. took place in the Kinsella Memorial hall. The members of the OORP assisted at the installation.

Mr. B. C. Carpenter is at present taking his holidays from his duties as station agent here and Mr. F. Fylypov is relief agent.

Miss Carol Garvie placed first in the A.C.T. Search for Talent programme held in Viking. Congratulations Carol.

Mrs. B. Brandow, who has made home in New Westminster for some years, has now come to reside with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Carpenter.

Plan to attend the New Year's Eve Dance in Kinsella, sponsored by the Kinsella Legion.

Glen-Coa Cleanings
Miss Edythe Guilbran returned last weekend to Camrose College to complete the final week of the school term after being home with the mumps.

Mr. Gordon Hollinger was a city visitor last weekend. The mumps are still on the go in our community. Lorna Larson is home with them this week.

To all our readers we extend the wish for a Christmas filled with good cheer. May the Greatest Gift make every heart rejoice!

Southern Sayings
We are sorry to report that Stanley Bacon is suffering from an attack of mumps and just when we needed his help with our Christmas program.

Season's Greetings to all.

Northern Nuggets
Hughie Fleming sustained a badly cut eye while playing hockey.

Mrs. Claude Ramsay is recovering from an attack of erysipelas.

Mumps is still going strong here with Trevor Jones and Leigh Pierce the latest victims.

Shirley Anne Garvie of Kinsella spent last weekend with her friends Ruth and Doreen Allen.

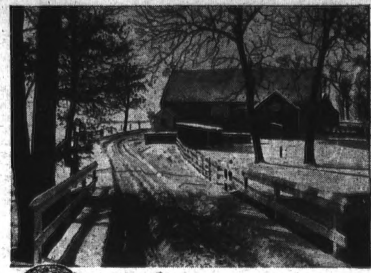
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clark and daughters of Edmonton motored to Irma last weekend. Mrs. Clark's father, Mr. C. L. Currie returned home with them on Sunday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Ida Hunter, sister of Mrs. Wm. Prior is a patient in Mannville hospital.

We are sorry to record so much sickness this past few weeks and trust everyone will be sufficiently recovered to have a Merry Christmas and may 1958 bring health and happiness to all.

Card of Thanks
Sincere thanks to all those who so kindly remembered me during my stay in hospital. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

— Ashley Murray.



Christmas is a thousand things

It's a winter's night, and an angel song . . . a giant star, and a tiny stable . . . a manger, and straw, and swaddling clothes.

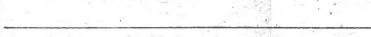
Christmas is a chime . . . a boy soprano, and Silent Night . . . carolers, and The First Noel . . . the tinkle of a bell on a sleigh, of a coin in a cup.

Christmas is Dickens, and Scrooge, and Tiny Tim. It's holly on the door, a candle in the window . . . the scent of pine, and the sparkle of tinsel.

Christmas is red and green, and blue and silver, Christmas is white. Christmas is cards, and ribbon, and tissue paper. It's a trip home, an open latch, and a handclasp. It's gilets, and biscuits . . . cranberries, and mince pie.

Christmas is cold and warmth . . . forgiveness, and a smile. Christmas is a prayer . . . a renewed plea for an ancient hope . . . For Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

— Carl Anquist



WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL DIVISION No. 32

Nominations for the office of Divisional Trustee for subdivision No. 2 of the Wainwright School Division No. 32 of the Province of Alberta will be received by the undersigned at his office in the town of Wainwright, Alberta until 5:00 P.M. the fifteenth day of January 1958.

Nomination and acceptance forms (Forms G and H) may be obtained from the secretary of your School District, or from the undersigned.

OLIVER G. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Wainwright School Division No. 32

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EASTERLY ECHOES

Wishing our readers real Christmas happiness and everything good in the New Year.

The next meeting of the Battle River W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. Dempsey, Thursday, Jan. 9 (note change of date). Hostesses, Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Walker; Draw, Mrs. Fenton. Miss Edna Craig (the Home Economist) will speak on "Bazaar and Gift Ideas." Visitors welcome.

Ronnie Fusco, Archie Cook and Bill Dootson were among the lucky winners of turkeys at the Bingo in North Hall last Wednesday.

Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. N. Willerton on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Eldon Fenton were Edmonton visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tindall and family of Sedgewick spent a few days at the E. Fenton home. Stuart Fenton was a Calgary visitor last week.

Maureen Dempsey expected to be home Wednesday to commence her Christmas holidays.

Mr. Robert Dalton, a long time resident of the Paschenedale district, passed away Friday in the Wainwright hospital. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dalton and family.

Doreen Kennedy was a lucky winner at the grocery bingo in Wainwright Saturday night. Better luck next time, Mary and Polly.

Mrs. Joe Burton, Margaret and Heather Crabb are the latest mump victims. Hope you're all better before long.

Friends and neighbors gathered at the Paschenedale School Friday, Dec. 13 to honor Mr. and Mrs. Norman. Willerton, well known couple on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Wedding rings are placed on the third finger of the left hand because of an old Egyptian belief that a nerve ran from that finger to the heart.

Polo was developed in India.

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To each of our many friends, we wish a very happy Yuletide season.

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Christmas Messages

From the Churches

NATIONAL AND PERSONAL SECURITY

Dr. Toser recently wrote in the Alliance Weekly: "It is ironic that this generation which more than any other in history preaches the brotherhood of man is also the generation most torn by unbrotherly strife. Never before in the history of the race have there been such deep hatreds, such suspicion, such bitter accusations, such threats, such phantasmic competition to perfect and pile up horrible weapons capable of wiping out whole cities instantaneously."

The swiftly changing advances in our atomic age, the launching of satellites, the reality of intercontinental missiles, the super-sonic speed of aircraft, the hydrogen and atomic bombs—these in the hands of many God-hating, Christ-rejecting unregenerate men have brought us to the place of future insecurity and darkened speculation. This, with the rising spirit of independence in eastern countries has caused us to think seriously and soberly with uneasy thoughts and fears rising in many hearts. The clouds hovering over our world at Christmas this year are dark indeed. Yet, I would like to remind you of some thought-provoking facts: Our greatest threats are not the implements of war—but, rather, sin, unbelief, rejection of Christ's salvation, coldness of heart, pretenses of Christianity, and the reality of an eternal Hell. These pose a far greater concern if we are only aware of it. Our greatest safety does not lie in the strength of armed might, but it lies in our faith in Christ. For salvation. True security is not in the national realm but in the spiritual. Let the adverse winds blow, let the war lords rage, let the world come to grief. "God is still on the throne, And He will remember His own."

The future destiny of our nation will depend solely on whether we as individuals will turn from our sins, unbelief, indifference, and powerless forms of religion, and turn to God with all our hearts, and regeneration for our souls, the peace that passeth understanding for our minds, the daily fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Then and then only will Almighty God take care of us. If anyone doubts this, I suggest that he study the history of the nation Israel. God on different occasions used heathen nations to punish Israel for her sins, and to bring her to a place of genuine repentance. We have only to remember Dunkirk to catch a glimpse of God's favour upon us in recent times. Let us answer to prayer. Let us not despair, but let us repent. Even as the Wesleyan revival saved sinful England from a bloody revolution, so will true revival and repentance save us from impending chaos. We have a country full of religions of various shades and colours. What we rather need is a return to the Word of God and the power of New Testament Christianity. We need the risen, living Christ in each of our lives—not empty pretences of worship. Christ came to die, the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God. In this He has provided salvation for all who will repent and accept. This is God's Gift to the world. Have you received it? Are you saved? This Provision is our only hope of personal and national security.

The people and pastor of your Alliance Church sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Rev. L. D. SHEARDOWN.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Christmas Story is the best loved story that has ever been told. Old and young alike, thrill to its message—for it is a message of Good News of how God's love came down to men in Jesus Christ. Every Christmas we tell the story over and over, yet it never loses its freshness for us, and people of every race and nation hear it with thanksgiving and praise God for the Bethlehem Story.

Christmas is a part of our life and each year is crowned by this happy event; this revival of our faith as we claim God's promise and remember "That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Each year we would like to greet you with something new, but what is better than the greeting of long ago, "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

What better greeting can we bring them than to proclaim that Christ is born? And that God has come through Jesus to renew man's hope and give him a new lease on life.

He has come, the Messiah promised long ago, and God has fulfilled His promise to His people. "They that sat in darkness have seen a great light."

Our world today needs a message of hope and cheer. It needs to hear, "Hush the noise ye men of strife" and hear the angels sing "Glory to God and Peace on earth, Good will to men."

The world longs for the Peace and Good will amongst men. What a wonderful Christmas it would be if we would accept "this gift" and seek peace and love and Brotherhood.

I am happy to bring Greetings to you all at this Christmas time. May God bless you and may love fill your hearts and overflow to those round about you.

"The Star and Song are forever ours, The Promise of hope and the cure for fear. The gift has been given and is for all Whose eyes can see and whose hearts have room."

Rev. H. W. Inglis.

CHURCH SERVICES

SHARON LUTHERAN
Sunday December 22
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Divine Worship—11:10 a.m.
Monday, December 23
Sunday School Christmas Program 8 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day Service—11 a.m.
Sunday, December 29
Divine Worship—3 p.m.
C. Magee, Pastor.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
There will be Celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. The offering at this Service will be our Christmas Gift to our Rector.

Our many friends are heartily invited to worship with us at this service.

ALLIANCE CHURCH
Sunday, Dec. 22—
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a.m.—Christmas Service.
Preacher—Rev. E. B. Roberts.
8 p.m.—Special service with Rev. Roberts. He will show pictures of far north.
Wednesday, Dec. 25—
10:30 a.m.—Christmas Day service.
Friday, December 27—
8 p.m.—Annual church meeting.
Sunday Dec. 29—
New Year's services.
Tuesday, Dec. 31—
10 p.m.—Watch Night service.

January 5th to 8th—
Uncle Joe Gallop.
January 9th to 14th—
Evangelical services nightly with Rev. Rev. E. B. Roberts.
Rev. L. D. Sheardown, Minister.

Announcement

We wish to announce the sale of our trucking business, both freight and cattle, to Irma Transport.

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A man who normal weight is 150 pounds would weigh about 50 pounds if all the water in his system were dried up.

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Medieval Dinner

Once Was Popular

Custom For Cords

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 25 years cords at Pennsylvania State University partook of a forkless meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from custumed jords and ladies to the legendary bear's head, dated back to 1819, finally had to be cancelled when cord ranks swelled to almost 1,500.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included a noble lord and ladies, heralds, post, a cardinal, page, and two jesters bearing the bear's head.

All these parts were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised platform in the center of the hall. The hall was furnished Christmas two or three spectacular displays, music, and the poet entertained. It was a small town that first the guests by reading Old English came up with the idea of lighting poetry from a scroll. In accord with the idea of lighting poetry from a scroll, no one is quite sure which took the cord for its idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1813. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Arcturion.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from the early Danish custom of blowing in record horns a 212 foot Douglas fir the Yule with four hymns were set up in 1950 in Northgate, a subsiding the four corners of the city of Seattle, Washington. It displayed 3,000 colored lights.

Jarrow News

Alfred Orzechowski visited in the city for a few days last week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boycump on the birth of a son.

Spokane, B.C. of mumps, Mr. Robert Boycump is one of the latest victims.

Douglas Soneff had the misfortune to break his wrist when he fell off a barrel last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mark have had a TV set installed in their home. Don't forget the Christmas service on December 22 at 2:30 p.m. A special program has been arranged.

Echo - Rodino

Messrs. G. Thomas and T. Page were in the city Wednesday. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Neil White on the birth of a daughter, Dec. 12 in Viking hospital.

Frank Nash was recuperating in the hospital last Wednesday, awaiting the arrival of his first grandchild.

The Students' Union of Albert Centralized School held their Christmas dance Friday evening. No person locally was lucky enough to win the draw on the raffle of a flash-camera and box of nuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Crouse celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary Dec. 14.

Henry Vandervaeke was lucky to win a huge turkey at the Elks' bingo Saturday night.

Vance Shipley is away out to Edson this weekend.

We wish to think you go from day to day how many little happenings occur without significance, till we see it in the popular weeklies "Viking News or The Irma Times." I will always appreciate the use of names and incidents in my column to make up my little corner of interest through the past year. With grateful thanks and best season greetings, I am your reporter, Mrs. A. Beckett.

Arch Masons Hold Joint Installation

(From The Viking News)
The Viking Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Parklands Chapter of Wainwright held joint installation ceremonies here last Wednesday when the annual installation of officers was held.

Viking Chapter officers for 1958 are:
I.P.Z.—G. Cottrell; Z.—J. A. Barker; H.—B. C. Carpenter; J.—Jas. Taylor.

S.E.—G. Cottrell; S.N.—G. Patterson; Treas.—J. C. McIntyre; P.S.—Jack McKie.

S.S.—Chas. Brickman; J. S.—Lief Pederson; D. of C.—G. T. Loney; Organist—K. Hilliker.

4th Veil—A. Klein; 3rd Veil—E. Hanson; 2nd Veil—L. Meritt; 1st Veil—A. E. Caldwell; Tyler—W. Combsarow.

Parkland officers for 1958 are:

I.P.Z.—M. A. Nichol; Z.—H. C. Nissen; H.—J. Humphries; J.—F. Ramsey.

S.E.—W. Rhome; S.N.—O. Griffiths; Treas.—C. Wilbraham; P. S.—A. M. Daniels.

S.S.—A. C. Knudson; J.S.—A. Glasgow; D. of C.—J. Bradley; Organist—W. Gardner.

4th Veil—J. Kelly; 3rd Veil—R. C. Reed; 2nd Veil—C. E. Callas; 1st Veil—P. Foerger; Tyler—J. Davidson.

Liberal Executive Held Meeting Here

Members of the executive committee of the Battle River-Camrose Liberal Association met here on December 11th for the annual meeting. After hearing reports and making plans for an active campaign for the next general election which is expected to be held some time next year, the following slate of officers was elected:

President, Dr. Mac Smith; Past President, Wm. Sutherland, Vermilion; 1st vice-president, Wm. Fowler, Camrose; 2nd vice-president, Dr. Max-Saville, Wainwright; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. Hallam, Sedgewick; secretary-treasurer, Ken Urquhart, Vermilion.

Senator Stambaugh was present and gave a run-down of what is going on at Ottawa, and predicted an early election.

Bingo numbers for the next two weeks for the Wainwright, Mannville, and Tofield car bingos will be published in our issue of January 8, 1958.

Will ask governments push dam plans

The federal and the Saskatchewan governments will be urged to get together on basic financial and other agreements for the building of the South Saskatchewan Dam when the project comes up for discussion at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Rivers Development Association in Moose Jaw November 15.

General O'Shaughnessy, association secretary-manager, said Provincial Treasurer Fines will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner.

Referring to the South Saskatchewan River project, Mr. O'Shaughnessy said he was certain discussion of it would be a major item of business in the annual meeting's agenda.

Freedom in retreat?

Sudbury Star, Sudbury, Ont.

There is a fine fight shaping up in the peach-growing district in Ontario where a group of peach growers protest the dictatorial powers of a marketing board. An Ontario government marketing scheme makes it mandatory for farmers to sell their peaches through the marketing board, and for direct sale to the consumer.

There is much legislation that could be submitted to the courts for determining to what extent it violates the civil rights and freedom of the individual. By what right does a group force a man to close down his business at stipulated hours? By what right does a group dictate to the individual that he must sell his product through certain channels at certain prices? By what right does a provincial legislature ban inter-provincial trade? The list is long. The freedom of the individual is gradually being chipped away from him.

The freedom of choice is one of the greater liberties to be enjoyed by a person living in a democracy. There are fundamental laws of health and public peace that are necessary to preserve and protect society. But when a law undertakes to dictate to the individual his hours of business, the price of his product, and to whom that product shall be sold, it is pecking away at the foundations of democracy as we understand it.

We have pride in our country and in our form of government. But to what extent are we living in a welfare state that is gradually taking away our freedom of choice? Unwittingly, perhaps, some of it is being given away voluntarily.

Big payroll

Canadian workers received \$1,337,000,000 in August, 9.1 percent more than in the corresponding month last year, the bureau of statistics said.

Average weekly earnings in major non-agricultural industries was \$48.35, an increase of 5.8 percent over a year ago. The consumer price index rose 3.6 percent in this period.

Shop Locally

New airport officially opened

The new airport of Swan River Flying Club was officially opened. Mayor Scalf, of Swan River and Rev. McCullough, of the Rural Municipality of Swan River, officiated and cut the ribbon to open the field.

There was a large crowd of people on hand to see the official opening and hundreds of cars were lined up in the field across the road from the airport. The RCMP were kept busy regulating the traffic. Six planes from Yorkton Flying Club and five from Dauphin were on hand for the opening, as well as one local plane.

The Swan River Flying Club pulled off a stunt which really got a number of people scared: It was announced from the sound truck that Mrs. O'Reilly, the oldest lady in the Valley was about to go up for her first plane ride. One of the RCMP was observed helping a lady from his car into the plane while the pilot stood alongside. A call from the loudspeaker asked the pilot to come to the sound truck and, as soon as he turned his back, the plane took off. He tried to catch it but missed it and fell. The police car started off and herded the people back off the runway while the loudspeaker asked one of the planes to go after the runaway and tell the old lady what to do. She certainly made a good job of it. After being airborne she did some expert flying, circling, banking, and looping with the loop and making a good landing. An inquiry at the fact that Mrs. O'Reilly, who was really Austin Ingham, the flying instructor has been flying since 1926. It was a good stunt, well acted, even if it did send some ladies home crying, not wishing to witness an accident.

The two winged planes owned by Mr. Vic Barber of Dauphin, is a DeHaviland Hornet Moth, and is the only one left in the world that is still flying.

It is expected there will be another meet in the Spring or early Summer. —The Star and Times, Swan River, Man., Oct. 31, 1957.

Slim's corner

A feller was stealin' it's how he used to cook them sandhill cranes. He says he cleaned the crane and put it in a roasting pan with a stone in the same size and when he stone was tender the crane was done. But Don Thompson he tried it and when he took the pan it was so hot he went outside to cool it and he could stick a fork in the stone but the crane up and flew away.

Say, Slim, my dog went and ate nine of Pete McLean's pure bred chickens. What had I better do? Answer: O I wouldn't do no worryin' at all man. Your dog is right tuff and he'll get over 'em all right, just taper him off on some nice teabone, stake and brown gravy and he'll be just as frisky as ever man. —Slim The Weekly Courier, Riverhurst, Saskatchewan.

Canada and Australia are the two most sparsely populated large countries in the world.

Jane Ashley Says

"You will like this tasty recipe"

SAVOURY MEAT TURNOVERS

- 2 tablespoons MAZOLA Salad Oil
- 1 teaspoon minced onion
- 1/2 pound raw minced meat
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons BENSON'S or CANADA CORN STARCH
- 1 cup canned tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons chopped pickle
- 1 recipe pastry

HEAT MAZOLA Salad Oil in skillet; add onion and brown lightly. MIX in meat, salt and pepper. COOK, stirring frequently, until meat is lightly browned. REMOVE from heat; stir in BENSON'S or CANADA CORN STARCH mixing well. ADD tomatoes gradually; stir in chopped pickle. COOK over low heat, stirring constantly, until well thickened, then remove from heat. PREPARE pastry and roll 1/4 inch thick; cut into 6 rounds. PLACE 1/4 cup meat mixture on one half of each round. FOLD rounds in half and press edges together with fork. MAKE several slots in top to allow steam to escape. PLACE on baking sheet and bake in hot oven (425°F.) for 20 minutes. SERVE hot with horseradish sauce, if desired. YIELD: 6 servings.



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Canadians are odd creatures. Most of us keep a sharp eye on our automobiles, for example, and go to a lot of trouble to try to get an extra mile per gallon of gasoline. But we'll completely ignore the oil burner in our base-ment, when a little care will do a lot to improve its "mileage."

To carry the point further, the average motorist uses only about 650 to 750 gallons of gasoline a year, whereas his oil burner may consume 1,500 gallons of fuel a year. So even with the difference in price between these fuels, we can save money by using fuel oil efficiently.

Finally, if your automobile refuses to run, you can usually walk, hitch a ride, or catch a taxi. But if your oil burner refuses to work in the dead of the winter, you're stuck.

Self help
To avoid that dire fate, and to help you get more value for your fuel oil dollar, we've included some tips at the bottom of the article. The first group lists some things you might ponder getting technical help on, the second lists some of the things you can do yourself.

In the self-help department, you should understand first of all that you have to think in terms of your whole heating plant—from cellar to attic, from tank to chimney.

Start with the tank: Keep it filled during the "off" season. Humid air entering the vent pipe can condense in a partly filled tank. This forms rust scales that settle in the tank, and may cause faulty burner operation. Dirt will get in through the fill pipe, too, if the cap is missing or loose.

Now look at the burner itself. Though it's sometimes a sinister-looking object crouching in a dark corner, it won't bite. Keep it in good condition, it will play a major part in giving you the most for your fuel dollar.

Make sure your burner is getting enough air. That may mean leaving a cellar window open slightly.

You'll depend on your distributor or service man to adjust the burner for top efficiency. But you can help, too. If, for instance, your burner annoys, roars, or gives off odors, you're bound to notice it. Let your service man know. He may find an air regulator out of adjustment (too much air causes the roar), a worn out nozzle, cracks or holes in the furnace.

Better Insulator
Look at the boiler, too. Is it coated with soot? If it is, you're wasting fuel; soot is a better insulator than asbestos. You can remove some of it, but your service man should remove the soot during his summer checkup, along with cleaning and adjusting your burner.

Is your heating system—steam or hot water—distributing heat evenly through the house? Check the main pipe: If it runs through an unheated part of the cellar or under a porch, it should be insulated.

Warm-air heating systems re-

quire a close look, too. You can do much to give your house even heating throughout by adjusting the duct dampers.

Heat is always flowing out of your house—through doors, windows, walls, ceilings and roof. Heat, although a square foot of window glass is several times as great as through a square foot of wall.

You can't prevent this loss of heat, but you can reduce it by proper insulation. Insulating the attic floor of a house 25x30 feet can save up to about 200 gallons of fuel oil a year in a severe climate, or about \$34 at present prices.

Storm doors and storm windows will also reduce heat loss, but in considering these you should put the stress on comfort over savings. It will take you a long time to save enough to recover their cost—but you'll be more comfortable while you are trying to save your investment back.

Chilled walls
It will pay you, of course, to avoid leaving doors or windows open too long. Chilled walls, ceilings, and floors take a lot of fuel to re-heat.

Check the fit of window and door frames. If they fit loosely, then the infiltration of cold air is causing a lot of heat loss. In that case you may want to have a carpenter install weather stripping.

Another key to heating efficiency is the chimney, which should extend at least two feet above the highest point of the house. A tree higher than the chimney and close to it will interfere with the draft, too. As for the chimney opening, you'll have to rely on the chimney master. But the hitch here is that the average householder is in a poor position to increase the size or height of his chimney.

Short, sharp bends in the chimney, or in pipes leading to the chimney, also can cause draft troubles. So can dislodged bricks, bird's nests, and leaks. You suspect there's some obstruction, take a periscope look by placing a mirror in the lower opening of the chimney after removing the smoke pipe. Or, if there are bends in the chimney, lower a weight on a cord. The weight will locate any obstruction.

Call help
When you feel you've checked over your heating system as well as you can, call for outside help. Distributors and the service men they may recommend in some areas are trained to give you the answers, not only about your burner, but about your whole heating system.

To summarize: It's up to you in the interests of your fuel dollar, to give your heating system the once-over. Then seek the advice of your service man when you meet with technical problems. This means more heat for less money for you.

These changes cost you some money but pay dividends in fuel savings:

1. Insulate your attic floor, or, if that is not possible, your roof. Attic floor insulation may save up to 20 percent of your fuel.
2. See that hot water or steam pipes or warm air ducts are well insulated if they are located near outside walls.
3. Install storm windows, storm doors, and weather stripping. Put caulking compound in cracks. This can save 10 to 20 percent.
4. Arrange for your heating oil dealer to send an expert to clean, adjust, and repair your heating plant at least once a year.
5. Have this expert check size and angle of nozzle in your burner, clean filters and check blower controls, ignition, etc.
6. Also have him make stack temperature and CO₂ (carbon dioxide) tests on your furnace to determine its combustion efficiency.
7. Stop air leaks around furnace with asbestos cement.
8. Stop all oil leaks, no matter how small.
9. Have furnace draft control checked to keep too much heat from escaping up chimney.
10. The heating system of some gravity hot-water systems can be increased by installing a pump; that of some gravity warm-air plants can be increased by installing a blower. Consult your oil dealer.
11. Baffles in the fire box also give you more heat from less fuel.
12. Insure clean, better-burning fuel by the use—and annual cleaning—of oil filters.
13. Be sure your radiators and heating plant are of proper size.
14. See that your radiators or heating ducts are in balance. Avoid too much heat here, too little there.
15. Check the pitch of all steam pipes. Pipes of incorrect slope may block heat.
16. Be sure your thermostat is located in a room that is evenly heated.

17. Insulate domestic hot water tank.

Make these big savings yourself without spending a cent.

1. Close house doors promptly to keep all the heat inside.
2. Keep temperature moderate enough so windows won't have to be opened.
3. Turn off heat in rooms being ventilated.
4. Turn off heat and close doors of rooms not used.
5. Close fireplace dampers when not in use. If dampers are missing and fireplace is not used, close chimney opening.
6. Lower thermostat at night. Setting it back 10 degrees for eight hours will save 10 percent or more.
7. Lower thermostat to 55 degrees when going away for a day or longer.
8. Check radiator enclosures to be sure they are not trapping heat.

9. Remove rugs and furniture from places where they block radiators or registers.

10. Check steam radiator valves for proper function. Replace non-adjustable steam radiator valves with valves of adjustable type. Drain air or water, if present, from steam radiators to allow them to heat up fully.
11. If your garage is heated, keep doors closed and temperature low.
12. Keep water in heating boiler clean for faster, more efficient operation.
13. Watch steam-boiler water level. A boiler usually operates best if level is at centre of gauge.
14. Avoid overheating furnace. It wastes fuel.
15. Drain a pail of water to take sediment from bottom of domestic hot water tank monthly to insure efficiency.



SLEEPWEAR SET—Mother and daughter sleepwear set in pink wool jersey was seen among 33 garments in Canadian wool jersey in a fashion show at the 35th annual conference of the Canadian Woolen & Knit Goods Manufacturers Association at the Seigniory Club, Montebello, Que., October 31. Mother's is covered with an organza peignoir and both feature delicate embroidery around the yoke.

Delectable!

Downright delectable... these are Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast, fresh and fragrant from the oven. Made with Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast, they're a cinch to prepare. Next time you bake at home, bake a batch of these delicious cheese treats!

Cheese Puffs

1. Scald 3/4 cup milk.
- Stir in 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup shortening.
- Cool to lukewarm.
2. Measure, measure info bowl 1/2 cup lukewarm water.
- Stir in 1 teaspoon granulated sugar.
- Sprinkle with contents of 1 envelope Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast.
- Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well.

- Stir in lukewarm milk mixture and 1 cup shredded old cheddar cheese.
- 2 cups once-sifted all-purpose flour.
- 1/2 cup shortening.
- and beat well—about 2 min. Use. Scrape down sides of bowl. Cover with a damp cloth. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk—about 50 minutes.
3. Beat down batter. Spoon into 12 greased average-sized muffin pans. Bake in a hot oven, 400°, about 25 minutes.

Yield—12 puffs.



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News Report from Edmonton

FARMERS GIVE AGRICULTURE MINISTER TOUGH TIME

By Ken Mason

EDMONTON—Don't be surprised if Alberta farmers get another chance to vote on an egg marketing board in the near future.

Delegates to the convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta here last week made it clear they're unhappy with the way the government conducted the poultry plebiscite which just ended in defeat for the province-wide marketing plan.

They gave Agriculture Minister L. C. Halmrast a thorough raking over the coals about it, and then unanimously approved a resolution asking the government to hold a second plebiscite not later than Feb. 1.

Whether they will get it or not is a matter for the government to decide, but FUA officials feel confident the government will grant the request. They also feel sure they can get enough farmers out to vote the plan in.

The results of last week's vote were really quite close. Another 733 "yes" ballots would have carried it. There were 13,729 farmers in favor of the plan and 3,844 opposed.

This would have been more than enough if the plebiscite had required only a two-thirds majority of those who actually voted, as the FUA and the Federation of Agriculture had requested all along. But under the Marketing Act, there must be an affirmative vote from 51 per cent of those eligible to vote.

So the plan was really defeated by some 10,000 farmers who were on the list and received ballots but didn't bother to vote.

Many of the delegates appeared to overlook this fact when they fired their questions at Mr. Halmrast. Instead they criticized the government for faulty enumeration, claiming many producers with the required number of hens were not placed on the voters lists.

Mr. Halmrast agreed that this could be so. He said some enumerators failed to make personal calls on all farmers in their areas, but pointed out that there are complaints about enumeration in every plebiscite or election. He also pointed out that farmers were given repeated warnings and plenty of time to place their own names on the list.

The minister was unable to answer some of the questions—such as when will another vote be held, and will the voting restrictions be eased to require a two-thirds majority of those who cast ballots? These are questions the provincial cabinet must answer, and all Mr. Halmrast could say was they'll be considered.

He pointed out that the voting requirements were made tough because there was a lot of opposition to the marketing board principle, and the government was not convinced the majority of farmers wanted it. In view of the compulsory features once a board is established, he said, the government insisted on a favorable vote from a straight majority of all those eligible.

This didn't satisfy some delegates, who wanted to know if the minister would like to see provincial elections conducted to the same basis, and if it is fair to count votes which aren't even cast. Some felt there were too many names on the voters list.

One suggestion of the farmers may not be received too favorably by the government. FUA officials suggested that for a new vote this winter, the government appoint postmasters and elevator agents as returning officers, and that farmers be asked to register voluntarily for the plebiscite.

If adopted, this idea could defeat the principle laid down by the government and the Legislature that a clear majority of all those eligible must be in favor.

In a voluntary enumeration, there's little doubt that those who support the egg marketing plan would place their names on the list and cast ballots. But of the thousands of poultry farmers in Alberta, how many wouldn't

Mannville Elks Newspaper Car Bingo

The following numbers have been drawn up-to-date in the Mannville Elks Newspaper Car Bingo. The major prize in this bingo is a 1957 Dodge Crusader.

B—1 2 5 11 13 3 14 6 15 10
—18 20 23 24 25 27 21 30 29
19 22

N—32 33 39 42 43 34 44 40
45 37

G—59 46 58 50 51 48 47 60 58
54

O—62 64 65 66 71 73 74 66 61
75 67 70

Bingo cards available at Viking from Viking News and Dominion Cafe.
At Bruce—Bruce Hardware.
Kinsella—Kinsella Hotel.

The following prizes are left:
1. Outside Square (Letter "O").
2. DODGE CRUSADER.

Wainwright Kinsmen Car Bingo

Previous Numbers drawn:

B—1 2 6 9 11 12 13 14 15

I—17 19 24 25

N—31 34 37 38 39 41 44 45

G—47 49 50 53 54 56 60

O—61 63 66 70 73 74

This week's numbers are N—

35; G—56; O—64.

Tofield Community League Newspaper Car Bingo

The number drawn Saturday, December 14, 1957, was B—15.

B—1 2 4 6 8 9 11 13 14 12 7

I—17 19 24 27 28 26 29 21

N—32 34 37 39 40 41 44 38

36 35

G—57 53 58 50 54 51 52 55

46 56 59

O—70 65 61 62 64 72 75 74

46 56 59 80

Bingo cards available from Viking Lockers, Viking News, Tom Luke at Dominion Cafe.

Irma, from Irma Food Market and Irma Hotel.

In Jarro, Carl Soneff.

Kinsella Hotel.

YET TO WIN: Blackout for 1957 Chevrolet.

January Weather For Alberta

January will offer above normal temperatures. The month will open on a mild note, with day-time temperatures ranging from 30° in the north up to near 50° in the southern portions. A cold period between the 4th and 7th will find temperatures dropping to as much as 20° below in the north, to slightly below zero in the south. The coldest outbreak will be centered around the 11th through the 14th, when temperatures will range between 15° and 35° below zero much of the province. A brief mild period after mid-month will find temperatures briefly in the 30's and 40's, followed by a sustained cold spell covering the last 10 days. The major precipitation period will consist of snows between the 2nd and 8th, with intermittent storminess likely between the 10th and the 13th, the 21st and 23rd, and again from the 24th through the 28th. Total moisture will be well above normal. —Country Guide.

Farm Profits From Tree Tops

The Gordon Commission estimated that by 1960 Canada will need 28 million cords of pulpwood to meet the expanding requirements of her wood-using industries. At present, almost one-third of the pulpwood supply comes from farmers and other owners of private woodlands. These tree-growing properties are capable of a heavy increase in their wood crops, through modern technical methods now being applied through the Canadian Tree Farm Movement. Forest industry hopes to draw a high percentage of its future raw material from the 800,000 private woodlands which are now producing a small fraction of their capacity.

be bothered? It's possible that a fairly small minority of those eligible would end up on the list and 51 per cent of them could vote in a plan which would affect all poultrymen.

Actually, the farm groups should have little trouble raising enough support if the marketing board plan goes to a vote again. Last week's vote was close—48.41 per cent in favor—and the resulting publicity should boost interest so long as the new plebiscite is held before everyone forgets about it.



ON Christmas Eve, Nancy hurried breathlessly into her rooming house. Surely the package from home would be there! But Mrs. Groggins, the ugly little landlady, shook her head.

"Nothing," she said. "The mailman went right by this afternoon."

Up in her room Nancy spent a lonesome Christmas Eve. She read awhile to forget her hunger, then went to bed. Next morning it was the destitute Mrs. Wilson who awakened her.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Bell!" she shouted, walking into the room uninvited. Nancy was irritated, momentarily, by this highly painted, shallow creature. But she quickly regained her composure. It was Christmas, after all!

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*To one and all, may you
have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

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Christmas Ice Cream — Brick or Family Pack

CLUB CAFE

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Local News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Symington at the Royal Alex-
andra hospital on Tuesday, De-
cember 17th, a daughter.

Mr. J. Christenson is a patient
in Viking hospital this week.
Mrs. J. C. McClean is spend-
ing Christmas at Vancouver this
year. She travelled to the coast
with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Saville
and family of Hardisty.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fischer
and family were most pleasantly
surprised early Sunday morn-
ing when their son, Donnie
(Flying Officer D. Fischer) who
is stationed in Germany, made
a long distance telephone call to
wish them a Merry Christmas.
Don's voice came in very clearly
and every member of the family
spoke with him in turn. Now
the Fischer family feels that
Germany is much closer to Irma
than it used to be.

Mr. C. Olsen is a patient in
Viking hospital and expects to
be there over Christmas. His
many friends in this district send
season's greetings and wish him
a speedy recovery.

Mumps continues to flourish
and is no respecter of persons,
old or young. Among recent vic-
tims are Mr. K. Coffin and son
Douglas and various members
of the Wm. Inklin and R. W.
Thurston families.

Wm. Inklin Jr. had the mis-
fortune to fall and cut his nose
badly, requiring several stitches
to close the wound.

The Irma United church White
Gift service will be held on the
evening of Sunday, Dec. 20 at
7:30.

A meeting of the Irma Ladies
Curling Club was held on Dec. 3
at the home of Mrs. Harold Bar-
ber. The slate of officers elected
for the coming year are: Presi-
dent, Mrs. C. Barber; Vice-Pres.,
Mrs. O. A. Lovig; Sec.-Treas.,
Mrs. H. Barber.

Mrs. J. Ostad was an Edmon-
ton visitor this week.

Mrs. V. Nesdole and small
son are visiting this week at the
home of her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. O. A. Lovig.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Milne were
Edmonton visitors last weekend.
Their daughter Pat and Miss
Della Symington returned to
Irma with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Craig of Ed-
monton, visited here this week
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.
Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Craig
had been to Wainwright to at-
tend the funeral of the late Mr.
Robert Dalton.

Mr. Wm. Boyd of Kinsella is
at Irma assisting Mr. L. E. Meier
at the Irma food market.

All of Miss Alice Flewelling's
friends are cordially invited to
call on her at the home of her-
self and her sister, Mrs. Tate,
between 3 and 5 p.m. and 7 and
9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1938
to help her celebrate her 80th
birthday.

Congratulations and best wish-
es to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fischer
who celebrated their Golden
Wedding this Christmas time.

On December 10th, Mrs. A. C.
Milne, Mrs. J. Pond, Mrs. C.
Barber and Mrs. H. Barber at-
tended "Visitors' Day" at the
Wainwright rink and were the
guests of the Wainwright lady
curlers. They report a very en-
joyable time. The Irma ladies
won their game by one point and
were entertained at a delicious
tea. The Wainwright ladies are
so pleased with the success of
this occasion they intend to
make "Visitors' Day" an annual
event.

The Pony League Baseball

Our Christmas Story

We have always maintained
that it takes the Irma folk to
make interesting news.

How many of our readers saw
this item in a November issue
of McLean's magazine?

"A Saskatchewan couple
recently paid a Sunday drive
to friends on a farm just
across the Alberta border,
near Irma. They were treat-
ed to a splendid dinner of
fresh garden vegetables and
fried chicken and a warm
invitation to return soon
for a duck dinner. As they
started their car, waved
good-by and whizzed out of
the farmyard they heard a
squawk—then looked back
to see their former friend
picking up a freshly decapi-
tated duck from their
wheelbarrow. Now they're
afraid to go back."

Of course, thereby hangs a
tale!

Our old friends Mr. and Mrs.
Harold Morse of Flaxcombe,
Sask. were the inadvertent duck
destroyers in the above inci-
dent. While their host and host-
esses were Mr. and Mrs. J. Jack-
son.

Mrs. Morse reported the inci-
dent to McLean's and received
\$8.00 which she generously halv-
ed with Mrs. Jackson. Poultry
prices being what they are, \$4.00
should be a fair recompense for
one beheaded quacker. Especial-
ly if Mrs. J. put that particular
one in the deep freeze against
the return of the Morses.

LADIES NOTICE

Will all ladies wishing to curl
this winter, please send their
names to the Secretary before
January 1st, 1938.
—Mrs. H. Barber, Sec.

Lighting the way of men to
betterment is the finest profes-
sion known.

team will sponsor a dance every
2nd Friday beginning January
10th in the North Community
Hall.

Mrs. Charlie Pyle spent two
weeks in the city recently tak-
ing treatment on her foot. We
are glad to know that she receiv-
ed a lot of help from the treat-
ment and feels much better.
While in Edmonton she stayed at
the home of her daughter, Mrs.
R. Couper.

Mrs. Albert Knudson has also
been receiving medical attention
in Edmonton.

Mr. A. E. Blakely of Victoria
wrote and asked us to publish
the odd bulletin in regard to
weather, roads, crops, etc.

This brief note is especially
for him but also for other friends
at a distance.

Dec. 18—Weather exception-
ally mild and has been for most
of the fall and early winter. We
have had some heavy snow falls
but so much mildness has taken
the greater part away. Roads
very icy and slippery. Crops
were fairly good in spite of the
long drought in early summer.
The month of August was wet-
test on record.

"Day by day through all the
year
May a ray of Christmas cheer
Light your path where'er you
go.
Keep your heart with love aglow
Till once again tis Christmas."

"In Thy light shall we see
light." —Psalms 36:9.



Holiday joy to you and yours!

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Season's Best

May a wealth of good cheer find its
way to your house this Christmas.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



In passing, we would
like to say:
Have a sparkling
holiday!

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